



Foreign Office,
S.W.1.

6th April, 1938.

Dear Lord Noel Buxton,

Many thanks for your letter of yesterday enclosing a memorandum on the proposal for a plebiscite in the Sudetenland. I had of course already noticed your speech in the House of Lords and your letters in the Times and Manchester Guardian.

The idea of such a plebiscite has already been considered here amongst various proposals that have been made, but I am sorry to say that it presents various difficulties so formidable that I am afraid they are not to be overcome. The matter is, however, still present to our mind and will not be lost sight of.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alexander Cadogan", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

The Right Honourable
Lord Noel Buxton.



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Foreign Office,
S.W.1.

27th February, 1941.

Bulgaria
Cardoan

Dear Lord Noel-Buxton,

I am sorry not to have answered before now your letter of the 8th February about the suggestion that you should write a word of encouragement to some of your Bulgarian friends among the politicians, and enclosing for transmission by the bag a letter to M. Gueshoff.

I fear that some misunderstanding has arisen over one passage of my letter to you of the 4th February, since in your letter to M. Gueshoff you say that it will be possible for British forces to give Bulgaria the support necessary for her to resist pressure from outside when the time comes. For reasons which you will appreciate, we cannot at the moment give such an assurance. All we can do is to encourage those elements in Bulgaria striving to maintain the neutrality of their country to continue their efforts. I hesitate to send your letter as it stands by bag, not only because the assurance it contains is misleading, but also because the method of transmission might suggest a certain degree of official approval of its contents. I am accordingly returning it to you herewith in case you would care to amend it somewhat. However, the outlook in Bulgaria is now so black that it is questionable whether moral suasion is any longer of avail or even whether a letter could be got out to Sofia before the final catastrophe.

The Right Honourable
Lord Noel-Buxton.

Yours sincerely,
Alexander Cadogan